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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 2-7, 15-16, 20, 22-23, 26, 29, 31 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* 1, 8-14, 17-19, 21, 24-25, 27-28, 30, 32-42 received by this Authority on 14/04/2006
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages\* 43-45 received by this Authority on 14/04/2006
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 1, 5, 9
- ☐ the drawings, sheets \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-4, 6-8, 10-16	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-4, 6-8, 10-16	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	2-4, 6-8, 10-16	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to a composition not only for anti-oxidation and anti-fibrosis but also for the improvement of liver and kidney functions, comprising a water extract of *Lindera obtusiloba*, *Hovenia dulcis* or herbal mixture thereof as an active ingredient.

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report :

D1 = KR 2002-0076980 A (11. 10. 2002)

D2 = WO 03/059369 A1 (24. 07. 2003)

D1 states that the water extract of *Hovenia dulcis* has an anti-oxidative activity.

D2 states that the lower alcohol-insoluble extract of *Hovenia dulcis* has a hepatoprotective activity and is useful for preventing or treating the liver disease such as hepatitis or liver cirrhosis.

Claims 2; 6, 10 and 14 relate to a composition not only for anti-oxidation and anti-fibrosis but also for the improvement of liver and kidney functions, comprising a water extract of *Lindera obtusiloba* as an active ingredient.

Claim 13 relates to a composition for improving kidney function, comprising a water extract of *Hovenia dulcis* as an active ingredient.

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**Supplemental Box**

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

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Box V.

Claims 2, 6, 10, 13 and 14 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)–(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed composition having the above-mentioned pharmacological effects:

On the other hand, claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15 and 16 relate to a composition not only for anti-oxidation and anti-fibrosis but also for the improvement of liver and kidney functions, comprising a water extract of mixture of *Lindera obtusiloba* and *Hovenia dulcis* as an active ingredient.

Even though the cited documents D1 and D2 are relevant to the present invention, they do not refer to an extract of *Lindera obtusiloba*.

Moreover, the applicant has supplied data showing that an extract of mixture of *Lindera obtusiloba* and *Hovenia dulcis* has an improved pharmacological effect, compared with an extract of *Hovenia dulcis*.

As a consequence, claims 2–4, 6–8 and 10–16 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)–(4).